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\$12,000 Settlement Reached with Surface Protection Industries Incorporated

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced it has reached a settlement with Surface Protection Industries Incorporated (SPII), located at 3411 East 15th Street in Los Angeles, for violations of the Hazardous Waste Control Law.

Under terms of a Consent Order (Order), signed in February 2005, SPII will pay a total of \$12,000 in administrative penalties to DTSC. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC's Web site at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Surface_Protection_Ind_Inc/SPII_ENF_CO.PDF.

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC inspectors during the inspection of a shipment of drums by SPII at the United States Customs Otay Mesa Port of Entry located on 9495 Customhouse Plaza in San Diego. The violations noted were:

- Failing to properly characterize hazardous waste
- Failing to properly manage four 55-gallon metal drums containing pourable quantities of flammable material
- Transporting four 55-gallon metal drums containing pourable quantities of flammable material without a Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest
- Failing to have a valid registration
- Transporting four 55-gallon metal drums containing pourable quantities of flammable material to a facility not authorized to receive hazardous waste

As part of the settlement, DTSC will reduce SPII's original penalty of \$12,000 by \$5,000 if its employees obtain certificates of satisfactory completion of hazardous waste management courses (Modules I-IV) at the California Compliance School (CCS). CCS provides students with "hands-on" instruction on how to comply with hazardous waste statutes and regulations. SPII must submit the certificates of satisfactory completion to DTSC within 185 days of the effective date of the Order or the company must pay DTSC the additional \$5,000 within 30 days after the initial 185 day deadline.

SPII has corrected all violations noted during the inspection.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.